Gail compelling NTPC to sign agreement

4619. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in Indian Express dated the 8th January, 1992 under the caption "GAIL tries to browbeat NTPC" and that the GAIL is compelling NTPC to sign agreements for getting supply of gas to various power projects in the country; and

(b) if so, whether the said tussle has been settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) While M/s. GAIL have asked NTPC to sign gas supply agreements for supply of gas for NTPC's various gas projects, NTPC is getting regular gas supply for its operating gas power plants at Anta and Auraiya.

(b) The Gas Supply Agreements can be finalised after discussions between NTPC and GAIL.

Coal Linkage for Thermal Stations in Andhra Pradesh

4620. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the coal linkage for various Thermal Stations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any shortfall in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) the position of linkage, receipt and consumption of coal in respect of thermal power stations of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for the period April, '91-February, '92 is given hereunder:—

(figures in '000' tonnes)

	Linkage	Receipt	Consumption
Kothagudem	3160	2736	2697
Ramagundem'B'	380	202	200
Vijayawada	4480	3419	3422
Nellore	165	115	111

(c) There is no shortfall of coal for Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board Power Stations and no generation loss due to coal shortage had been reported since August, 1991.

Foreign Investment in Power Sector

4621. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news item appearing in the 'Financial Express', dated the 9th March, 1992 titled "Foreign, Indian Firms ready to invest Rs. 20,000 crores.";

(b) what are the details of proposals submitted in this regard for Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what is the time schedule for screening and processing of all the proposals received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has so far advertised eight power projects of a capacity of 1511.3 MW for implementation in the private sector. Out of the projects advertised, State Government has finalised award of one project of a capacity of 400 MW for implementation in the private sector. State Governments have not fixed any time schedule for screening and processing of proposals received.